

Innumerable thanks are due to my ever beloved friend for his kind attention by dear Pa. My silence has not been the result of diminished gratitude or affection. While my heart continues to beat at all, those sentiments toward you, will remain unabated. During the space of two months I was wholly engrossed by domestic avocations and suffered not a little from maternal cares. Judy returned home with a release into her former conviction of impending ruin and as she declared there was nothing but the utmost indigence, awaiting herself and children. My sympathy which has always proved too powerful, when first awakened, to be subdued by Reason, soon reduced me to a state of Mind, scarcely sane. I left this place with an imagination tormented by anxiety for the fate of a sister whom I can not avoid loving. My feelings have impelled me to sacrifice peace, health, nay, all but conscience, for her. From all the world, I should have written to you, and Pa may had not a violent attack of the Influenza intruded on me. In truth

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Chas & George Tucker

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Dearest Sir, fearful of fatiguing you with reiterated
assurances of regard, I feel at a loss what to say -
It is impossible to glean any agreeable incident
in this requested spot, and I never launch
out in those wild, delusive speculations which,
altho' they really adorn the page of a Romance,
are in my opinion, not very consonant to Reason,
at the age of twenty seven. I like vastly to
take a flight into the region of fiction with
an ingenious Novelist, but it grieves me to see
a person who has real Duties to discharge, become
a mere Theorist, and rest satisfied with the
applause of superficial observers. It was ever
my ardent desire to merit approbation, by an
uniformity and consistence of behaviour. Fate,
and (perhaps mistaken) principle, have exhibited
me in an obvious point of view to the major part
of my species: I don'tly hope, my dear Mr. Tucker
does not think me unworthy of every gentle
emotion, except the humiliating one of pity.

I came home with a firm resolve
to accompany Judy, at all events, in despite
of any obstacle whatever, if she made a visit
to Williamsburg. My cordial and
tender regards attend Mrs. Tucker, Jan, Henry,
and the Boys: you cannot conceive how much
she & the three last alleviated my distresses in the
Summer. Henry, every moment reminded me
of our poor Richard, whose memory I adore -
Heaven bless you my much loved friend! believe
me your truly grateful st. C. B.

Saturday evening